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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to issue a comment in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to require that all broadcast stations record their programming.

I would like to go on record as opposed to such a requirement or mandate. The cost of such a venture would be prohibitive for television stations such as WAZE-TV operating in market #99. Recording 16 hours of programming 7 days a week would add approximately \$2,240 in tape costs alone, each month to our expenses (\$26,880 annualized). This does not include manpower, storage, tape machine costs/wear and shipping costs. This cost would be multiplied if all digital signals would be required to be recorded as well. The proposed action begs the question "who will screen the tapes?" At what cost? In my opinion, a station producing and broadcasting "live" telecasts would seem to be more prone to a small unlikely possibility of something indecent airing. Even that possibility is very remote. However, our station does not broadcast any live material. For us, our programming, which is broadcast from satellite-recorded and edited videotapes and/or file servers, is already screened/edited (if necessary) prior to air. Should this proposed rulemaking really apply to a station such as ours which already has built-in barriers to indecency being broadcast?

I believe in the honesty and integrity of the managers and operators of television stations. We are all on the lookout constantly to broadcast "in the public interest" and are alert to "problem" broadcasts BEFORE they happen. I would ask the Commission to review its proposed rulemaking on this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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